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SUBJ: VISIT OF CODEL SIKES

REF: TUNIS 5722 (NOTAL)

1. CONGRESSMAN ROBERT F. SIKES (D), FLORIDA, ARRIVED IN N'DJAMENA FOUR HOURS LATE ON AUGUST 12 WHEN HIS SPECIAL AIR FORCE JETSTAR WAS DELAYED AT TAMANRASSET BY ALGERIAN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT A CREDIT CARD PURCHASE OF JET FUEL. FROM THIS POINT ON, HOWEVER, EVERYTHING WAS ON SCHEDULE AND THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT SIKES' VISIT WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AS WELL AS USEFUL TO THE USG.

2. SIKES AND HIS MILITARY AIDE WERE DRIVEN FROM THE AIRPORT DIRECTLY TO A COCKTAIL/DINNER, IN HIS HONOR, ALREADY IN PROGRESS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE CONGRESSMAN PLUNGED IN WITH MUCH GUSTO AND PICTURE TAKING TO JOIN CIVIL SERVICE MINISTER GENERAL DOUMRO N'GUENBAYE, SMC MEMBER/MINISTER OF EDUCATION
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CAPTAIN GOUARA LASSOU, AND OTHER GUESTS.

3. SATURDAY MORNING BEGAN WITH A TOUR OF THE CITY AND IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE IN RESPONSE TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ROADS, BRIDGES AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFINGS WERE CONDUCTED IN CAR EN ROUTE. AN HOUR LONG MEETING WITH

VICE PRESIDENT COLONEL MAMARI DJIME NGAKINAR WENT
EXTREMELY WELL AND SIKES STATED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER
HIMSELF CHAD'S SPOKESMAN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THE TWO INTERCONNECTED
THEMES OF THE SECURITY SITUATION/NATIONAL RECONCILIATION
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (FYI: AS A FOLLOW-UP TO
THE MEETING, CONGRESSMAN SIKES REQUESTED AMBASSADOR
BRADFORD TO DRAFT A SPEECH FOR HIS DELIVERY ON THE FLOOR
OF THE HOUSE. HE IS SO DOING AND WILL SEND IT TO
CONGRESSMAN VIA DEPARTMENT.) FOLLOWING A FINAL
WHIRLWIND SHOPPING TRIP, SPAR 66 HAD SHEELS UP AT 12:40
HOURS AND HEADED TOWARDS KHARTOUM. BRADFORD

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